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MARY ANN (CHISUM)...
WIFE OF JOHN DANIEL SASSER AND
HOW I DISCOVERED HER BIRTH SURNAME

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Many family history researchers interested in the Sasser family, have accepted the wrong information concerning his second wife; Mary Ann (**CHISUM**). Thinking John married Mary Ann Ewing when the actual marriage record states she is a (**CHISUM**), Mr. Pratt has discovered the truth and has presented his research process to help other interested family members pursue their Sasser-Chisum family research.

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"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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BACK STORY...

In order to tell the research history that went into the discovery of Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s birth surname, I feel I should give you some background on the events that led to this amazing discovery.

When I decided to visit my step-grandmother; Medie Jane (**SASSER**) Montgomery Brown on a field trip from Saint Peters, Saint Charles County, Missouri to Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee commencing on the 16th of June 1988, little did I know how interesting and fun she was going to be.

My father and mother divorced one year after I was born, so I never personally knew my birth mother; Delores Virginia (**BROWN**) Pratt, daughter of Peter Conley & Olga Elvira (**O'DANIEL**) Brown or for that matter, any of the Brown-O'Daniel family.

After I began my family history research in 1975, several years passed and in 1983, I discovered Grandmother Olga was living in California and made contact with her by phone. After writing letters and multiple phone conversations, Olga decided she wanted to take a trip to visit my family in Saint Peters, Missouri.

In 1988, she flew to Missouri and she stayed with us during her tenure, which lasted about a week. As we visited, I was able to fill in the "blanks" on my "missing" family history concerning the Browns and O'Daniels of Tennessee.

Olga was so interesting and fun even at age 81; my family and I fell in love with her joyous and carefree spirit. She took me around to visit all the living relatives in the surrounding countryside of Missouri. Relatives and family I was not even aware I had.

After Olga flew back to California, I was intrigued by all the stories she told of her life in Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee. So much so, I wanted to visit some of these "lost" relatives before they were gone so on the 16th of June 1988, Bonnie and I decided we would visit Dyersburg and see if any of the "old" family was still around.

We found Peter Conley Brown's third wife; Medie Jane (**SASSER**) Montgomery Brown still alive in Dyersburg and after a short call we arrived at her residence.

We were greeted by the following people...

[1] Edna Mae (**BROWN**) Holland, daughter of Benjamin Ripley & Mary Ann "Mollie" (**KETCHUM**) Brown (1st cousin once removed)

[2] Lee Roy Holland Jr. son of Lee Roy Sr. & Edna Mae (**BROWN**) Holland (half 2nd cousin)

[3] John Thomas Brown son of Peter Conley & Vera (**KETCHUM**) Brown (half uncle)

[4] Medie Jane (**SASSER**) Montgomery Brown daughter of William Leroy "Lee" & Laura Ann (**HAMPTON**) Sasser. (3rd wife of grandfather)

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After introductions, I was excited to finally get to meet my "other" side of the family and all of them told me stories about my Grandfather; Peter Conley Brown.

PETER CONLEY BROWN...

They informed me Peter Conley Brown was a highly intelligent man. Lee Roy said Conley bought one of those kit radio's and built it all by himself. James said Conley liked to fish and hunt and was one of the best outdoorsmen in the area. Mae agreed, Conley was a smart man but he liked to roam and ramble. Mae also said and was confirmed by Medie, Conley wanted to know about his girls and never did get to meet them or find out where they were. James said Conley went to that Mount Vernon Baptist Church and that's why he was buried there, but Medie said he never was a very religious man.

They also told me, Conley worked for the Diamond Oil Company when he met Olga, who was described by John Brown as a little girl that lived in a hollow. When Olga and Conley got married, Conley was a manager for Kroger and was transferred to St. Louis.

We took several pictures and had a great time, the kind of time you hate to see end because you want to stay and talk more...but it was not possible.



Medie (SASSER) Brown 16 June 1988



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Medie (SASSER) Brown, Mae Holland, LeRoy Holland 16 June 1988

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TIME PASSES...

I really didn't do much family history research on Medie Sasser's family line since she was the 3rd wife of my Grandfather; Peter Conley Brown and not my direct line.

However, a few days ago, (January 2012) I began to look at my notes concerning her family and decided to do a Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile on her life.

A Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile is a chronological history of all the major events in an ancestor's life. I created this profile format to make it easier for the average researcher to uncover and discover records and other documents concerning their ancestors.

As I dug into her parents' family, I found not much had been done in the past 30+ years of family history research on www.ancestry.com. Over 20 trees were referencing the Sasser family but it appeared no one had taken the initiative to really do some serious research.

I began to organize her parents; William Leroy "Lee" & Laura Ann (**HAMPTON**) Sasser family in preparation for Medie's C2G Profile.

As sometimes happens, when preparing a C2G Profile, you must process the previous generation's timeline in order to get a full picture of the individual you want to chronicle.

This led me to discover some problems.

BRIDGING THE GENERATIONS...

As I jumped from William Leroy "Lee" Sasser to his parents; Henry Wiley & Elizabeth J. (**CHIPMAN**) Sasser's family, I found less and less on the Internet concerning the Sasser family as expected...the older the ancestor, the harder to find records.

I decided this was going to be a great challenge and advanced onto Henry Wiley Sasser's parents, i.e., John Sasser and wife Mary Ann (EWING)...as depicted by other researchers on ancestry.com.

Because of 38 years of family history training, I never take anything at face value and many of you who know me, can agree, it is hard to get me to change my conclusions without irrefutable evidence.

What you commonly find on the Internet is...this person's tree has a piece of the family history puzzle and this person's tree has another piece of the family puzzle and another person's tree has another piece and so on and so on.

As a serious researcher, you have to wade through all that misinformation in order to discern what is actually fact and pertinent to your investigation.

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This wading through process takes several days and a few more days to validate and process this information. The following is an account of just such a process and the results I was able to discover.

JOHN SASSER BORN 1784-1800 NORTH CAROLINA...

As I dug into John Sasser is became clear no one really knew much about him until after the 1850 census.

But, with the tenacity of a pit bull, I discovered the following...

[1] John Sasser's full name was John Daniel Sasser Sr. because his son; Dr. John Daniel Sasser Junior is listed as such in the 1900 census. Thereby, making his father...a senior.

[2] John Daniel Sasser Sr. was born on 21 November 1784 in Wayne County, North Carolina and died 24 August 1875 near Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman County, Tennessee.

These dates were derived from John's headstone at the Sasser Cemetery, located in Hardeman County, Tennessee... the census data corroborates these dates.

In fact, in the 1870 census, John is living near Bolivar Post Office in Hardeman County, Tennessee as listed above. Concerning his birth county, several on the Internet posted Wayne County, North Carolina was his birth location and I located him in the 1820 census of that county.

[3] John Daniel Sasser Sr. was married at least twice; first to a possible Sarah and her maiden name may have been Boyd and second...according to the internet Mary Ann (**EWING**) on 20 June 1834 in Hardeman, Tennessee.

THE INCONSISTENCIES BEGIN TO MOUNT...

As sometimes happen, you get all kinds of inputs from people's trees that just don't make sense. First, they listed ALL of his children under Mary Ann even when her headstone stated she had been born on the 15th of April 1819 and the census records stated she was born in North Carolina.

This meant the first born son, who has been positively identified; Henry Wiley Sasser born 1832 in Hardeman County, Tennessee was Mary Ann's son. This was not believable since she was only 13 years old when he was born!!! Not likely, especially when the 1830 census of Hardeman County revealed John Sasser with a boy aged 15-19, a girl aged 10-14 and a wife aged 40-49 years!

This census proves [1] John was previously married and [2] John's first wife was born between 1781-1790, and her age is in age compliance with John's birth year of 1784!

This age compliance between spouses is vital to dismiss any assumption the older woman may have been John Sasser's mother.

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Therefore, It appears Mary Ann (EWING) could not have been the same woman in the 1830 census and at the age of 13 in 1832, would not have been the mother of Henry Wiley Sasser, whom was born in 1832.

Something about Henry Wiley Sasser, all the census records list him as Wiley Sasser but several on the Internet listed a son of John's named Henry Sasser W...unknown birth date.

Putting two and two together it is not hard to see Wiley could have been Henry Wiley Sasser and his census data supports the 1832 birth year.

Therefore, now my goal was to find and prove when John Sasser married Mary Ann (EWING) because she is listed in the 1840 census as age 30-39 or born between 1801-1810.

Obviously the wrong age bracket but definitely not the same woman who was in the 1830 census aged 40-49 years, which would have made her 50-59 years in the 1840 census.

I have a theory why Mary Ann's age bracket in the 1840 census does not match up to her true birth year of 1819...more about that later.

MARY ANN (EWING) WHERE ARE YOU?...

I began my search for Mary Ann (EWING) in the 1830 census. Hypothetically, I would be looking for an 11-year-old girl living with a Ewing family; preferably in the Hardeman County area who's birth origins were in North Carolina.

Checking the 1830 census in Hardeman County, Tennessee...**I found none**. Surely, if she was getting married in 1834 her family should have been in the Hardeman or surrounding counties area. Disappointed, I checked the surrounding counties I found 3 Ewing families in the neighboring Madison County, Tennessee area.

1. William Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family.
2. Sophia Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in her family.
3. Wilson E. Ewing aged 30-39 of the 1830 census of Madison County does have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family. In fact he has 2 daughters aged 5-9.

Wilson Ewing's family was looking good, as a possible match; however, Wilson Ewing and his family disappeared after the 1830 census until I found them in the 1850 census where they are living in Texas.

Depicted in the 1850 census, Wilson was born in Tennessee and none of his children were born in North Carolina, therefore, it does not look like he is Mary Ann's father.

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Also, Wilson left the Madison County, Tennessee area and usually when the children begin to marry, the parents settle down in anticipation of forthcoming grandchildren.

Number #2 from above, Sophia Ewing born 1785 in North Carolina is living with a son; David C. Ewing born 1809 in North Carolina.

Since Mary Ann was born in North Carolina in 1819, this would indicate that Sophia (_____) Ewing might have been her mother. After checking out Sophia in the 1850 and 1860 census, other trees stated she did not have any more children after 1813. Therefore, it did not look like Alexander & Sophia (_____) Ewing were...Mary Ann's parents.

I came to the conclusion, in order to discover Mary Ann's parentage, I really needed to verify Mary Ann's maiden name. This can be done with researching the marriage records and/or searching time related newspaper notifications of such a marriage.

Since, I did not have access to the latter, I choose to look at the Hardeman County, Tennessee Marriages on ancestry.com. After searching ancestry's search engine, for a John Sasser and a Mary Ann Ewing using all variations of given and surname spellings like countless others before me...I could not find a match.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE LORD...

Someone had posted John Sasser had married Mary Ann Ewing on the 20th of June 1834 in Hardeman County, Tennessee and countless others on ancestry.com had copied that data into their tree without validating the information. When over 20 trees agree concerning supposedly researched data, then one is suppose to have a reasonable amount of assurance the data is true...not always.

I concluded with that much support for the Sasser-Ewing marriage, if I look up the marriage index and/or marriage record for June 1834 in Hardeman County, I should find the record.

On Ancestry.com in their collection of marriages called "Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002" Hardeman County, Tennessee Marriage Records for the month of June 1834 consists of 21 pages. I began with page 1 and what looked like an alphabetical index I thought it might be easy to locate this marriage...I was wrong.

The index jumped from surname to surname with missing pages and whole surname letters missing. Ancestry.com had a partial list!!

<http://search.ancestry.com/Browse/view.aspx?dbid=1169&path=Hardeman.1834.06.9&sid=&gskw=>

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Crisp	James	Mar	1870	Chisum	Fredonia	
Carney	Henry	Jan	1869	Chisum	Julia	Ann
Bowden	Anderson	Sep	1901	Chisum	Lavinia	
Vaser	John	Jun	1834	Chisum	Mary	Ann
Harris	G. P.	May	1860	Chisum	Mary	C.
Chisum	William	Feb	1826	Chisum	Mary	Ann
Maclin	E. P.	Oct	1872	Chisum	P.	J.
		Oct	1877	Chisum	Paralee	

Hardeman County, Tennessee Marriage Record Index June 1834 John Sasser-Mary Ann Chisum

Having had 38 years of experience reading "old" style handwriting, I immediately recognized the transcribed Vas?? as a sloppy Sasser and the Mary Ann Ch??? as Chisum or Chisom. Not a Ewing but a Chisum!!

I figured the S's for Sasser should be about page 15 and clicked to the page. Lo and behold, there was a marriage bond showing a John Saser to a Mary Ann Chisom filed on either the 10th or 11th of June 1834. The zero in the 10 was crammed together making it look like a 11.

John Saser
O. J. Sanger (Bond)
Mary Ann Chisum
10/11 June 1834

Hardeman County, Tennessee Marriage Bond Filing date of
John Saser and Mary Ann Chisum 10 June 1834

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I, with a great deal of help from the Lord, was able to find and discern her maiden name and it was not Ewing but Chisum. The first letter is definitely a C not an E and there was no "w" in the last name but you could see a Chis o or u m.

Also, the marriage bond was on the 10th of June 1834 however, no one seemed to have an actual image of the reported marriage date of the 20th of June 1834. It looked like someone; somewhere had recorded this marriage record but could not read the Chisum and mistook the maiden name as Ewing.

I then went into ancestry.com's search engine and found the misspelled names for their marriage and corrected them and posted the corrected information for all those to find.

THIS IMPOSSIBLE MARRIAGE...

Since no less than 30 family trees have either posted the wrong maiden name or none at all, it appears I have an opportunity to help steer them in the right direction.

My theory...Mary Ann was not the mother of Henry Wiley Sasser born in 1832 was valid and the 4 year spread between Henry born in 1832 and his brother Joel born in 1836 means all children born after June 1834 belonged to Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser.

OH OH!...

Now the magnitude of this marriage has far reaching consequences.

First of all, John Daniel Sasser born in 1784 was aged 50 years old when he married 15-year-old Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) in 1834!!

I remember when one of the Blanton's married a young girl and the local town folk in Sullivan, Franklin County, Missouri were relentless in their harassment and persecution.

A newspaper article of the marriage was written in the local newspaper and the reporter criticized Blanton's decision to marry this 15-year-old girl. This marriage took place back in 1900.

I don't know if they could ever find peace, but the Blantons divorced shortly after the marriage and Mr. Blanton relocated to California leaving his young bride in Sullivan.

I imagine the townsfolk of Hardeman County, though sparsely populated in 1834, raised a ruckus over this marriage, especially with the church congregations.

The religious community may have given John and Mary a difficult time in the beginning of their marriage.

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That's why I believe, when the 1840 census taker came around for the census, Mary Ann told him she was 10 years older than she really was! I mean after all, John in the 1840 census was 56 years old and Mary Ann was actually 21 but she told the census taker she was 31.

Nevertheless, John and Mary raised 6 children and lived in Hardeman County all their lives.

MARY ANN (CHISUM)'S PARENTAGE...

Now let's see if we can determine her parentage.

Now that I know whom I am dealing with, using my previous theory...this 11-year-old girl should still be with her parents in the 1830 census, I decided to pull up all the Chisum families in Hardeman County in the 1830 census. They were numerous.

1. James Chisum age 50-59 had no daughters at all.
2. William Chisum age 20-29 had 3 daughter under 5 and a female 20-29
3. Wilson H. Chisholm age 20-29 had no females
4. **Claiborn Chisum** age 30-39 had one daughter 5-9 and a female 20-29 (living next door to John Chisum and Thomas G. Chisum
5. John G. Chisum age 50-59 one female 4 & under and one female 20-29
6. **Thomas G. Chisum** age 20-29 one female 15-19

In Madison County, Tennessee...

7. Elijah Chisum age 50-59 no females
8. **William Chisum** age 30-39 1 dau 4 & under; 1 dau 5-9; female 20-29
9. William Chisum age 20-29 1 female 20-29
10. **Nancy Chisum** age 40-49 1 dau 4 & under; 1 dau 10-14; 1 dau 20-29 This family is strange since there are many males in this listing even with a male 50-59.

Now, I want to see the 1830 census page where John Sasser is listed and see if any Chisum families are in close proximity of his own family.

On page 351 of the Hardeman County, Tennessee 1830 census is John Saucer, whom is our John Daniel Sasser Sr. and he is living 6 families away from #2 above; William Chisum age 20-29. However, this William Chisum does not show any daughters old enough to be Mary Ann who should be aged 11.

What I thought would lead us to a close relationship in the neighborhood only informs us that John Sasser was familiar with the Chisum families living in his county locale.

Based on the Chisum families of Hardeman County, it appears Claiborne Chisum is the most interesting of these families. Living a few doors down is a Thomas Gibbons Chisum with a daughter 15-19, which would make her too old for our Mary Ann.

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Also, could Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) be the daughter of #10 Nancy Chisum above, not sure.

Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser stated in the 1880 and 1900 census not only was she born in North Carolina, but her parents were born there also.

Therefore, we are still looking for Mary Ann's parents in North Carolina.

Since Claiborn Chisum looked like the best prospect for Mary Ann's father, I investigated all the other trees on ancestry.com to see who knew what about him. What all the other trees knew was...he was born 1797 in Grainger County, Tennessee son of Elijah James & Lucinda "Lucy" (**CLAIBORNE**) Chisum.

What interested me about this man, was the fact his sister; Mary C. (**CHISUM**) married James Jacobs in 1824 in Madison County, Tennessee. This proved his family was in Madison County before the 1830 census.

Now, it was time see what happened to the Chisum's in the 1840 census.

1840 CENSUS OF HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE...

Sometimes as the parent's age, they tend to stick around their children, especially the daughters.

Checking for Chisum families in the 1840 census who lived in close proximity to John and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser...

1. John G. Chisum age 20-29
2. William Chisholm age 30-39 same as #2 above in the 1830 census.

In fact, this William Chisholm is now living only 3 houses away from our John age 56 and Mary Ann age 21 (**CHISUM**) Sasser family.

Coincidental, William Chisum of the 1830 census and the William Chisum of the 1840 census remained near the John Sasser family. William is not old enough to be the father of Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser but was born in 1801-1810 and could be a brother.

Or, if William was born in early 1801 he could have married by 1816-1817 and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) could have been his daughter but...in the 1830 census he does not have a daughter listed with Mary Ann's age.

Claiborn Chisum has moved with the rest of the Chisum's in 1837 yep, you guessed it...to Texas.

Remember John Wayne in the 1970 movie...Chisum??

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chisum>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Chisum

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In the above bio of John Simpson Chisum, it is stated he was born August 15, 1824 in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

THIS IS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER...

Now my interest was really perked. Could this John Simpson Chisum, whose life story became the basis for the 1970 Movie "Chisum" starring John Wayne be the brother of Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) whom married John Daniel Sasser?

Remember John Simpson Chisum was born in 1824 and Mary Ann was born in 1819?

Let's investigate this John Simpson Chisum in detail.

This query lead me to the following website...

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fch33>

Notice how Claiborn Chisum pops up in this report?

Obviously, no one at ancestry.com, who are supposed to be somewhat professional researchers, knows anything about the Claiborn Chisum family that moved to Texas will be able to give me answers to Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s parentage.

I investigated all the websites on the Chisum families and came up with a good one at...

<http://www.texasgen.org/>

However, it became increasingly obvious since I just discovered Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s maiden name, when all the others were looking for a Ewing, then no one else knew the truth, and I was not going to find collaborating evidence on the internet to help bridge her to her parents.

Unfortunately, this answer is going to be difficult and take some legwork or what I call a road trip.

Let's take a look at the 1850 census.

1850 CENSUS OF HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE...

At the following locations we have Chisum families...

1. House #736 J.G. Chisum 32 born in TN but living with him is Elizabeth Chisum age 76 born in VA

John and Mary Ann are living at house #1394. I could not draw any conclusions from the 1850 census. It appears that most of the Chisums have now moved to Texas as depicted in the above web links.

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WHAT WE DO KNOW...

John Daniel Sasser was born 21 November 1784 in maybe Wayne, North Carolina and was marrying age after 1799. Some have reported he married a Sarah as depicted on the death certificate of John and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser's son; Dr. John Daniel Sasser Jr. in 1919.

Why they wrote his mother's name as Sarah baffles me when we know Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser was his mother.

Others claim John Daniel Sasser Sr. had married a Boyd. Others also claim he had a son; John S. Sasser born 9 December 1805 in North Carolina and a daughter in 1820 named Emily (**SASSER**). I have not been able to find any supporting evidence for this yet.

John Daniel Sasser is listed in the 1820 Wayne County, North Carolina census and moved from Wayne County, North Carolina to Hardeman County, Tennessee between 1820-1830.

The Tennessee General Assembly created Hardeman County in 1823 from parts of Hardin County and "Indian lands."

When John Daniel Sasser arrived in Hardin or Hardeman County, he may have bought property that could have been recorded in the Hardin County Deed records or in Hardeman County.

He came with a family and a wife who was born between 1781-1790. They were recorded in the 1830 census of Hardeman County and lived a few doors down from a William Chisum and family who had 3 daughters aged 4 & under.

Also, there was a Claiborne Chisum family in Hardeman County with a daughter aged 5-9 years of age. There were several other Chisum families in the area.

Sometime, after the 1830 census, and after giving birth to son; Henry Wiley Sasser in 1832, John's first wife died.

Widower, 50-year-old, John Daniel Sasser filed for a marriage bond on the 10th of June 1834 to marry Mary Ann (**CHISUM**), a 15-year-old from a local family. Others have reported the marriage took place on the 20th of June 1834. [needs verification]

The 1970 movie..."Chisum" starring John Wayne was based on portions of the life of John Simpson Chisum born on the 16th of August 1824 also in Hardeman County, Tennessee son of Claiborne & Lucinda (**CHISUM**) Chisum.

Claiborne Chisum married 1st Lucinda Armstrong (**CHISUM**), daughter of John Chisum and Mary Ann (**ARMSTRONG**) (also his 1st cousin), on the 12th October 1820 in Hardeman County, Tennessee. This was taken from the Internet and Hardeman County was not officially formed until 1823. Probably they were married in what became Hardeman County but the marriage record may be in Hardin County.

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If Claiborne and Lucinda were married in 1820 and Claiborne has a daughter aged 5-9 in the 1830 census of Hardeman County, then we need to see his family records to see if he had a daughter called Mary Ann (**CHISUM**).

Other researchers have determined this 5-9 year old daughter is Nancy Eppes (**CHISUM**) born 22 January 1822. Therefore, it looks like Claiborn Chisum is not Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s father.

Concerning the Thomas G. Chisum also living in Hardeman County in the 1830 census is really Thomas Gibbons Chisum, brother to Claiborne Chisum. Thomas started having children after Mary Ann was born.

<http://www.2fools.net/book-0001/0005-0008.html>

John Daniel Sr. & Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser's firstborn was Joel Steven Sasser born 24 November 1836 and together they raised a family of 6 of their own and lived all their lives in Hardeman County. They and most of their children are buried in the Sasser Cemetery, located in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

John Daniel Sasser Sr. died near the Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 August 1875 followed by Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser whom died on 6 May 1904 at her son's home; Dr. John Daniel Sasser Jr. at Middleton, Civil District 11, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States.

FUTURE RESEARCH...

I can't stress enough the importance of road trips to unravel your ancestor's mysteries.

In order to ascertain, Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s family the first thing to keep in mind is...no one else but me and now **YOU** know her maiden name was Chisum.

Therefore, don't expect others to lay out their Chisum family tree and out pops your Mary Ann.

Because her maiden name has been misread all these years and no one really examined that marriage record, everyone has been looking in the wrong place for her parents.

Now that I have shown there is a serious connection between the Chisums in Hardeman County, Tennessee and the main body of that family group moving to Lamar County, Texas, then what needs to be done to connect Mary Ann to her parents are the following steps.

1. Order on microfilm the old newspapers in Hardeman County, Tennessee for May 1904 to find a death notice for Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser.

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If you want help in ordering microfilms see my report, "[Virtual Road Trips](#)" at...

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/5773168/person/-1397628372/media/3?pgnum=1&pg=0&pgpl=pid%7cpgNum>

2. If you can't locate the newspapers on microfilm, find out where they are being housed in Tennessee and make a road trip to that locale.
3. Check the funeral homes in Hardeman County at the time of her death (1904) to see if they had participated in her funeral.
4. Check the courthouse probate records for a will or intestate papers.
5. Check deed and other legal documents in Hardeman County.
6. Check all Chisum wills in Hardeman County, Tennessee and Chisums in Texas to see if someone named Mary Ann (**CHSIUM**) Sasser as a daughter and heir.
7. Check the courthouse deeds to see if she was bequeathed property or other items.
8. Check the libraries in Middleton, Bolivar and other cities for books about the Chisums.
9. Check the newspapers in June 1834 for articles concerning the marriage and age difference between John Sasser and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**).
10. Also, check those same newspapers for the 1830-1834 death of John Sasser's first wife.
11. Try to find John Sasser's death notice in the August 1875 newspapers of Bolivar, Hardeman, Tennessee.

And finally don't give up. Read my article "[How to Breakdown Your Brick Wall](#)", which can be downloaded at...

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/5773168/person/-1397628372/media/4?pgnum=1&pg=0&pgpl=pid%7cpgNum>

I have given you a new direction in order to pursue this family's history.

I don't want to see in the next 30 years no one has taken advantage of my hard work and through apathy, failed to discover the truth about Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s parentage.

I may be long gone from this earth, but, I will be observing and watching with keen interest in the progress of those of you who have a vested interest in this woman's family.

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I have spent a better part of a week organizing the known data about the Sasser-Chisum families giving future researchers a jump-start.

One day, when you cross the veil, we will sit down together and you will share with me your research, so I can delight in your triumphs and successes.

Remember, this family history research has been commissioned by our Father in Heaven, so when all else fails, and you have done all that you can do...ask your Heavenly Father in the name of the Savior for help and assistance, and he will open doors for you.

Through prayer, you will receive help from the most unlikely of places to help further this work; I know and speak from experience for I am and have been a beneficiary of his love and help.

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29 January 2012 Revised 5 December 2014

On the following pages are Cradle to Grave Profiles on the principle players in this story. I have posted them here to help future researchers.

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**Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile for Peter Conley Brown by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C.,
M.A.G.I. 12 September 2010**

**1893 Birthblock for Peter Conley Brown son of John A. & Obedience "Bedie" (LACKEY)
Brown**

Peter Conley Brown was born in Sharon, Weakley, Tennessee, United States on 12 January 1893.

Date from 1900 census states he was born January 1893 in Tennessee.

Date from 1910 census states he was born 1893 in Tennessee.

Date from 1920 census states he was born 1894 in Tennessee.

Date from 1930 census states he was born

Date from death certificate states he was born 12 January 1893.

Date from the headstone states he was born 12 January 1893.

Date from the SSDI states he was born 12 January 1893.

Date from the obituary states he was born

Research Note

This individual...my grandpa really presents a challenging research project. It seems he never stuck around in any one place for very long at any given time. I will try to piece together his actions through these notes. Maybe one of you, my children, will be able with new information being released on the web find out more about Peter Conley Brown.-Floyd Thomas Pratt 22 March 2008

1894 Childbirth of son; John Murphy Brown

John Murphy Brown was born near Sharon, Weakley, Tennessee, United States on November 1894.

1892-1900 Family Move

Moved from Sharon, Weakley, Tennessee to District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States.

Checking Weakley County, Tennessee for deed records to see when he sold his property would give a good indication of when they left for Graves County, Kentucky.

1897 Childbirth of daughter; Emeline "Emmie" (BROWN)

Emeline "Emmie" (**BROWN**) was born in District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States on February 1897.

1899 Childbirth of son; Jacob "Jake" Paul Brown

Jacob "Jake" Paul Brown was born in District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States on February 1899.

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1900 Federal Census age 7

District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States, page 33a, 13 June 1900, line 35, house 178, family 178

BROWN, John head w m born May 1844 age 56; Obendene wife w f born February 1871 age 29; Canley son w m born January 1893 age 7; Murphy son w m born November 1894 age 5; Emeline dau w f born February 1897 age 3; Paul son w m born February 1899 age 1

[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. John and Obedience have been married for 8 years Obedience says she has had 4 children born and 4 are living. John is doing farm labor and he is renting his home.]

1900-1910 Family Move

Moved from District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States to 12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States. Checking Graves County, Kentucky for deed records to see when he sold his property would give a good indication of when they left for Crockett County, Tennessee.

1902 Childbirth of son; James H. Brown

James H. Brown was born in either District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States or 12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States in 1902.

1903 Childbirth of son; Robert T. "Bob" Brown

Robert T. "Bob" Brown was born in either District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States or 12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States in 1903.

1906 Childbirth of son; Elizer A. Brown

Elizer A. Brown was born in either District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States or 12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States in 1906.

1907 Childbirth of son; Jude W. Brown

Jude W. Brown was born in either District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States or 12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States in 1907.

1909 Childbirth of daughter; Carrie Bell (BROWN)

Carrie Bell (**BROWN**) was born in either District #1, Graves, Kentucky, United States or 12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States in 1909.

1910 Federal Census age 17

12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States, page 115b, 22 April 1910, line 65, house 106, family 110

BROWN, John A. head w m ??; Obedience wife w f 39; Conley P. son w m 17; John ? son w m 15; Emma dau w f 13; Jake? son w m 10; James H. son w m 8; Bob T. son w m 7; Elizer A. son w m 4; Jude M. son w m 3; Carrie B. dau w f 8/12

[All born in Tennessee as are the parents. John has been married twice, Obedience once. Obedience says she has been married for 19 yrs and has had 14 children born 14 are living. John is a farmer. Living next door to Daniel T. Brown w m 40 and Henry Brown w m 50]

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1910-1915 Family Move

Move from 12th Civil District, Crockett, Tennessee, United States to Dyer, Tennessee, United States.

1915 Marriage of Peter Conley Brown and Vera (KETCHUM)

[1] Dyer County Tennessee Marriage Record Book 1901-1924, page 448

Conley Braun and Vera Ketchem were married 20 November 1915 by R.B. Chambers J.P.

[2] Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002

Name:Conley Brown Spouse:Vera Ketchum Marriage Date:20 Nov 1915 Marriage County:Dyer
Marriage State:Tennessee

1917 Childbirth of John Thomas Brown

John Thomas Brown was born in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, United States in 1917.

1919 World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

World War 1 Draft Registration #2110, #95 #47-2-6A: 5 June 1919

Peter C. Brown age 24, residence: Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, United States born 12 January 1893, born Sharon, TN, Farmer self employed married; white male; living with wife & child.

Infirmities: he had one bad eye.

[Wife would be Vera and child would be John Thomas Brown.]

1920 Federal Census age 27

606 Cherry Street, Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, United States, page 66a, 20 January 1920, line 45, house 606, dwelling, 554, family 588

BROWN, P. Conley head w m 26; Vera wife w f 23; John D. son w m 3

[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. Conely is a driver for a freight truck. They are renting.]

1920 Childbirth of Charles "Charlie" Richard Brown

Charles "Charlie" Richard Brown was born in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, United States on 4 October 1920.

1922 Death of spouse; Vera (KETCHUM) Brown

Vera (KETCHUM) Brown died in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, United States on 5 April 1922.

1924 Death of mother; Obedience "Bedie" (LACKEY) Brown

Obedience "Bedie" (LACKEY) Brown died in Western State Hospital, Bolivar, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 14 January 1924.

1924 Marriage of Peter Conley Brown and Olga Elviria (O'DANIEL)

Dyer County Tennessee Marriage Record Book 1921, Page 441b

Peter Conley Brown and Olga Elviria O'Daniel were married 16 March 1924 in Finley, Dyer, Tennessee, United States at her sister Mabel (O'DANIEL) Johnson's house.

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1824-1825 Family Move

From Finley, Dyer, Tennessee, United States to Saint Louis (city), Missouri, United States from her marriage date of 16 March 1924 to Delores' birth date of 31 October 1925. Several of Olga's family members also made the move to Saint Louis, Missouri around this time. When Olga and Conley got married, Conley was transferred to St. Louis by Kroger, a company he was a manager for.

1925 Conception of Delores Virginia (BROWN)

The conception date of Delores Virginia (**BROWN**) is to establish the whereabouts of Peter Conley Brown, her father. In a letter dated 2 January 1986, Olga states that Conley left her when she was 6 weeks pregnant with Delores. Since Delores was born in October 1925 then her conception would be March 1925. Six weeks later would put the date into May-June 1925. Also, in that same letter Olga states that she had met Peter's father only once. That means that John Brown must have been alive in 1924.

1925 Childbirth of daughter; Delores Virginia (BROWN)

Delores Virginia (**BROWN**) was born in City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Saint Louis (city), Missouri, United States on 31 October 1925.

1927 Childbirth of daughter; Dorothy Louise (BROWN)

Dorothy Louise (**BROWN**) was born in Saint Louis (city), Missouri, United States on 20 June 1927.

1929 Separation of Peter Conely Brown and Olga Elviria (O'DANIEL) Brown

Peter Conely Brown and Olga Elviria (**O'DANIEL**) Brown had marital problems and separated around this time. This separation eventually led to a divorce.

1930 Federal Census age 37

1929-1931 Divorce of Peter Conely Brown and Olga Elviria (O'DANIEL) Brown

Peter Conely Brown and Olga Elviria (**O'DANIEL**) Brown were divorced 1929-1931 probably in Saint Louis (city), Missouri, United States

1947 Marriage of Peter Conley Brown and Medie Jane (SASSER) Montgomery

Peter Conley Brown and Medie Jane (**SASSER**) Montgomery were married in Shelby, Tennessee, United States on 22 July 1947.

1972 Death of Peter Conley Brown

Peter Conley Brown died in Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 4 December 1972.

[1] Death certificate, Tennessee Dept. of Public Health, File No. 72-038200.

Date of death 4 Dec 1972. Place of death Halls, Dyer Co., TN. Retired Farmer. Father: John Brown Mother: unknown Spouse: Medie Sasser.

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1972 Burial of Peter Conley Brown

Mount Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery, Unionville, Dyer, Tennessee, United States

Brown, P. Conley Jan 12, 1893--Dec 3 1972

Brown, Medie M. Mar 10, 1890--Jan 22, 1994

Find A Grave Memorial# 10926708

Social Security Death Index

Ancestry.com. Social Security Death Index [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Original data: Social Security Administration. Social Security Death Index, Master File. Social Security Administration.

Name: Peter Brown SSN: 409-22-3562 Last Residence: 38040 Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States of America Born: 12 Jan 1893 Died: Dec 1972 State (Year) SSN issued: Tennessee (Before 1951)

1988 Family Story

Mae Holland, Lee Roy Holland, James Thomas Brown, Medie Brown, all told stories about Conley Brown when we made the trip to Dyersburg on June 16, 1988. They said Conley Brown was a smart man, Lee Roy said that he bought one of those kit radio's and built it by himself. James said he liked to fish and hunt and was one of the best outdoorsmen in the area. Mae said he was a smart man but he liked to roam and ramble. Mae also said and this was confirmed by Medie that Conley wanted to know about his girls and never did get to meet them or find out where they were. James said that Conley went to that Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and that's why he was buried there, but Medie said he never was a religious man.

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1890 Birthblock for Medie Jane (SASSER) daughter of William Leroy "Lee" & Laura Ann (HAMPTON) Sasser

Medie Jane (**SASSER**) was born in either District 10, Haywood, Tennessee, United States or Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 10 March 1890.

Date from the 1900 census states she was born March 1890 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1910 census states she was born 1890 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1920 census states she was born 1891 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1930 census states she was born 1890 in Tennessee.

Date from the death certificate states she was born

Date from the headstone states she was born 10 March 1890.

Date from the SSDI states she was born 10 March 1890.

Date from the obituary states she was born

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Research Note

In order to determine where the children were born, we must know when William bought property in Haywood County, Tennessee and when he sold such property. This will give us not only the location of the children's birth but also the exit date from Haywood County and arrival date in Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

1881-1900 Family Move

From District 10, Haywood, Tennessee, United States to Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States

Research Note

Dorsey was born in 1884 and Medie in 1890 that is a 6 year spread. This would indicate that they may have had additional children between those dates that may not have lived. This theory is supported by Laura Ann (**HAMPTON**) Sasser's statement in the 1900 census that she has had 11 children born up until the 27th of June 1900 census data and only 6 are still alive. What this means to the researcher...any gravesites found in the vicinity of William and Laura's family residence could be those missing 5 children.

1892 Childbirth of sister; Callie Alina (SASSER)

Callie Alina (**SASSER**) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on March 1892.

1894 Childbirth of sister; Gertrude Ann "Gertie" (SASSER)

Gertrude Ann "Gertie" (**SASSER**) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 13 February 1894.

1896 Childbirth of sister; Sadie Lee (SASSER)

Sadie Lee (**SASSER**) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on April 1896.

1898 Childbirth of brother; Ellis Walker Sasser

Ellis Walker Sasser was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 8 October 1898.

1900 Federal Census age 10

District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 239a, 27 June 1900, line 12, house 244, family 253

SASSER, Lee head w m born February 1857 age 43; L.[Laura] A.[Ann] wife w f born January 1857 age 43; Dorsey G. son w m born August 1883 age 16; Meda J.[Jane] dau w f born March 1890 age 10; Callie A.[Ann] dau w f born March 1892 age 8; Gertie A. dau w f born February 1894 age 6; Sadie L. dau w f born April 1896 age 4; Ellis son w m born October 1898 age 1; **FRESHOW**, Jennie sister w f born March 1872 age 28; William O. nephew w m born July 1891 age 8; Cora B. niece w f born April 1893 age 7

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[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. They have been married for 19 years and Laura says she has had 11 children born and 6 are living. Jennie is a widow and has had 2 children born and 2 are living. Lee is a farmer and is renting. Living next door to George W. Hampton family.]

1901 Childbirth of daughter; Josephine "Josie" (MONTGOMERY)

Josephine "Josie" (MONTGOMERY) was born in Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 20 September 1901.

Research Note

It is hard to determine whose daughter; Josephine really is. Medie told me that she was her daughter but that does not seem likely since Medie was 11 years old at the time of Josephine's birth. If she was Charles L. Montgomery's daughter from a previous marriage...he would have been 24 yrs at the time of Josephine's birth and it looks like she could have been his. I think when Charlie and Medie got married in 1908...Medie, just adopted Josephine into her life and called Josephine her daughter. Looking at Josephine's birth and/or death certificate might reveal her true parentage.

1908 Marriage of Charles "Charlie" L. Montgomery and Medie Jane (SASSER)

Charles "Charlie" L. Montgomery and Medie Jane (SASSER) Medford were married in Dyer, Tennessee, United States on 2 December 1908.

[1] Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002

Name: Charley Montgomery Spouse: Madie Saser Marriage Date:2 Dec 1908 Marriage County: Dyer

1909 Childbirth of daughter; Vera Faye (MONTGOMERY)

Vera Faye (MONTGOMERY) was born in Double Bridges, District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in either 1907 or 1909 and she died the same year.

Find-A-Grave states her headstone states 1907. I could not find a death record. Needs visual verification.

1908-1910 Family Move

From Dyer, Tennessee, United States to Double Bridges, District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States

1910 Federal Census age 20

Double Bridges, District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 178a, 11 May 1910, line 12, house 17, family 17

MONTGOMERY, C.[Charles] L. head w m 31; Mittie wife w f 20; Jossie dau w f 8

[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. Medie says they have been married for 10 years and she has had 1 child born and 1 is living. Charles is a farmer and is renting. They are living next door to her parents; William Lee [53] and Laura Ann [53] (HAMPTON) Sasser family.]

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1920 Federal Census age 30

Civil District 13, Dyer, Tennessee, United States, page 256a, 5 February 1920, line 67, house 63, family 59

MONTGOMERY, U.[Uley] L. head w m 28; Charley brother w m 40; Miedy wife w f 29; Ofheilia daughter w f 10; Lyn dau w f 6; **SISER**, Elice boarder w f 21

[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. U.[Uley] L. is a widower and runs a farm and is renting.]

1920-1930 Family Move

From Civil District 13, Dyer, Tennessee, United States to Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States

1930 Federal Census age 40

Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 247a, 5 April 1930, line 9, house 27, family 29

MONTGOMERY, Charlie T. head w m 51; Medie wife w f 40; **ALFORD**, Hosell lodger w m 15

[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. Charlie was first married at age 20 Medie at age 18. Charlie is a farmer and owns his farm.]

1944 Death of spouse; Charles "Charlie" L. Montgomery

Charles "Charlie" L. Montgomery died in rural Dyer, Tennessee, United States on 13 December 1944.

1947 Marriage of Peter Conley Brown and Medie Jane (SASSER) Montgomery

Peter Conley Brown and Medie (**SASSER**) were married in Shelby, Tennessee, United States on 22 July 1947.

1972 Death of spouse; Peter Conley Brown

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1994 Death of Medie Jane (SASSER) Montgomery Brown

Medie (**SASSER**) Brown died in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, United States on 22 January 1994.

[1] Social Security Death Index

Name:Medie Brown SSN:414-30-9944 Last Residence:38024 Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee,
United States of America Born:10 Mar 1890 Died:22 Jan 1994 State (Year) SSN
issued:Tennessee (Before 1951)

1994 Burial of Medie Jane (SASSER) Montgomery Brown

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Brown, P. Conley Jan 12, 1893--Dec 3 1972

Brown, Medie M. Mar 10, 1890--Jan 22, 1994

Find A Grave Memorial# 26655296

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1857 Childbirth of William Leroy "Lee" Sasser son of Wiley & Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN) Sasser

William Leroy "Lee" Sasser was born in either District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States or near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 12 February 1857.

Date from the 1860 census states he was born 1857 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1870 census states he was born 1857 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1880 census states he was born 1857 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1900 census states he was born February 1857 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1910 census states he was born 1857 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1920 census states he was born

Date from the death certificate states he was born 12 February 1857 in Lauderdale, Tennessee

Date from a newspaper death notice states he was born

Date from the funeral home records states he was born

Date from the headstone states he was born

Date from the obituary states he was born

1860 Childbirth of sister; Elizabeth (SASSER)

Elizabeth (**SASSER**) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in January-February 1860 and died before 11 July 1870 census date.

1860 Federal Census age 3

Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 342a, 24 June 1860, line 27, house 150, family 150

SAPER, Wiley w m 30; Elizabeth w f 23; Milly w f 7; Leroy w m 3; Elizabeth w f 6months

[Wiley was born in North Carolina, the rest were born in Tennessee. Wiley is a farmer. Living next door at house #149 are Elizabeth's parents; William & Milly (**STANDIFER**) Chipman and family.]

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1861 Childbirth of brother; Stephen "Steve" Henry Sasser

Stephen "Steve" Henry Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in March 1861.

1862 Childbirth of brother; George Sasser

George Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in 1862.

1865 Childbirth of sister; Nancy D. (SASSER)

Nancy D. (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 4 August 1865.

1868 Childbirth of sister; Mary Elizabeth (SASSER)

Mary Elizabeth (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 10 February 1868.

1870 Childbirth of brother; Wiley Sasser

Wiley Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on June 1870.

1870 Federal Census age 13

Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 2, 11 July 1870, line 8, house 11, family 11

SASSEEN, Wiley w m 48; Elizabeth w f 33; Wm w m 13; Stephen w m 10; George w m 8; Nancy w f 5; Mary w f 2; Wiley w m 1month; **RENOLDS**, Catherine domestic server w f 18

[Wiley was born in North Carolina, the rest were born in Tennessee, except Catherine was born in Arkansas. Wiley is a farmer.]

1872 Childbirth of sister; Emily Jennie (SASSER)

Emily Jennie (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on March 1872.

1872 Death of father; Henry Wiley Sasser

Henry Wiley Sasser died near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 1872.

1875 Death of mother; Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN) Sasser

Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN) Sasser died near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 1875.

1880 Federal Census age 23

District 10, Haywood, Tennessee, United States, page 248a, 14 June 1880, line 14, house 104, family 107

SASSER, Wm L. head w m 23; Stephen H. brother w m 20; Nancy D. sister w f 14; Elizabeth M. sister w f 12; Emily J. sister w f 8

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[All were born in Tennessee, their father in North Carolina, their mother in Tennessee. They are farmers.]

1881 Marriage of William Leroy "Lee" Sasser and Laura Ann (HAMPTON)

[1] U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900

Name: William Lee Sasser Gender: male Birth Year:1857 Spouse Name: Laura Anne Hampton
Spouse Birth Place: TN Spouse Birth Year:1857 Marriage Year:1883 Number Pages:1

[2] Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002, page 42

Name: W L Sasser Spouse: L A Hampton Marriage Date:3 Feb 1881 Marriage County: Haywood
[I have seen the marriage record and the date is 3 February 1881.]

Research Note

In order to determine where the children were born, we must know when William bought property in Haywood County, Tennessee and when he sold such property. This will give us not only the location of the children's birth but also the exit date from Haywood County and arrival date in Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

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1884 Childbirth of son; Dorsey Gilbert "Doss" Sasser

Dorsey Gilbert "Doss" Sasser was born in either District 10, Haywood, Tennessee, United States or Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 14 August 1884.

1890 Childbirth of daughter; Medie Jane (SASSER)

Medie Jane (**SASSER**) was born in either District 10, Haywood, Tennessee, United States or Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 10 March 1890.

Research Note

Dorsey was born in 1884 and Medie in 1890 that is a 6-year spread. This would indicate that they may have had additional children between those dates that may not have lived. This theory is supported by Laura Ann (**HAMPTON**) Sasser's statement in the 1900 census that she has had 11 children born up until the 27th of June 1900 census data and only 6 are still alive. What this means to the researcher...any gravesites found in the vicinity of William and Laura's family residence could be those missing 5 children.

1892 Childbirth of daughter; Callie Alina (SASSER)

Callie Alina (**SASSER**) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on March 1892.

1894 Childbirth of daughter; Gertrude Ann "Gertie" (SASSER)

Gertrude Ann "Gertie" (**SASSER**) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 13 February 1894.

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1896 Childbirth of daughter; Sadie Lee (SASSER)

Sadie Lee (SASSER) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on April 1896.

1898 Childbirth of son; Ellis Walker Sasser

Ellis Walker Sasser was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 8 October 1898.

1900 Federal Census age 43

District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 239a, 27 June 1900, line 12, house 244, family 253

SASSER, Lee head w m born February 1857 age 43; L.[Laura] A.[Ann] wife w f born January 1857 age 43; Dorsy G. son w m born August 1883 age 16; Meda J.[Jane] dau w f born March 1890 age 10; Callie A.[Ann] dau w f born March 1892 age 8; Gertie A. dau w f born February 1894 age 6; Sadie L. dau w f born April 1896 age 4; Ellis son w m born October 1898 age 1;

FRESHOW, Jennie sister w f born March 1872 age 28; William O. nephew w m born July 1891 age 8; Cora B. niece w f born April 1893 age 7

[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. They have been married for 19 years and Laura says she has had 11 children born and 6 are living. Jennie is a widow and has had 2 children born and 2 are living. Lee is a farmer and is renting. Living next door to George W. Hampton family.]

1910 Federal Census age 53

Double Bridges, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 178a, 11 May 1910, line 7, house 16, family 16

SASER, W.[William] L.[Leroy] head w m 53; L.[Laura] A.[Ann] wife w f 53; Birtie dau w f 16; Sadie dau w f 14; Ellis son w m 11

[All born in Tennessee as was their parents. This is their first marriage and they have been married for 27 years. Laura says she has had 3 children born and 3 are living. They are farmers and William owns his farm. Living next door to son-in-law; Charles & Medie (SASSER) Montgomery family.]

1920 Federal Census age 63

1923 Death of William Leroy "Lee" Sasser

William Leroy "Lee" Sasser died near Double Bridges, District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 17 March 1917.

[1] Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955

Name: William Leroy Sasser Birth Date: abt 1857 Age:66 Death Date:17 Mar 1923 Death Place: Lauderdale, Tennessee Gender: Male Father's Name: Wiley Sasser Mother's name: Elizabeth Chipman FHL Film Number:1299760

[2] Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1959

Name: William Leroy Sasser Gender: Male Birth Date:12 Feb 1857 Birth Place: Lauderdale Co, Tenn Age:66 Death Date:17 Mar 1923 Death Place: Lauderdale, Tennessee Father's Name: Wiley Sasser Mother's name: Elizabeth Chipman

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Mount Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery, Unionville, Dyer, Tennessee, United States

Find A Grave Memorial# 84042072

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1857 Birthblock fo Laura Ann (HAMPTON) daughter of Ezekiel G. & Julie Ann (LANE) Hampton

Laura Ann (HAMPTON) was born in Washington, Tennessee, United States on 20 January 1857.
Date from the 1860 census states she was born 1856 in Tennessee.
Date from the 1870 census states she was born 1855 in Tennessee.
Date from the 1880 census states she was born 1855 in Tennessee.
Date from the 1900 census states she was born January 1857 in Tennessee.
Date from the 1910 census states she was born 1857 in Tennessee.
Date from the 1920 census states she was born
Date from the 1930 census states she was born 1856 in Tennessee.
Date from the death certificate states she was born 10 January 1857 in Tennessee.
Date from a newspaper death notice states she was born
Date from the funeral home records states she was born
Date from the headstone states she was born
Date from the obituary states she was born

1860 Childbirth of brother; George Washington Hampton

George Washington Hampton was born near Newport Post Office, District #8, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on 18 January 1860.

1860 Federal Census age 3

Newport Post Office, District #8, Cocke, Tennessee, United States, page 482b, 10 August 1860, line 29, house 1621, family 1621

HAMPTON, Ezekiel G. w m 30; Julia w f 24; Laura w f 4; George w m 7months
[Ezekiel born in North Carolina, the rest in Tennessee. Ezekiel is a laborer.]

1863 Childbirth of sister; Elizabeth G. "Bettie" (HAMPTON)

Elizabeth G. "Bettie" (HAMPTON) was born near Newport Post Office, District #8, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on 12 April 1863.

1866 Childbirth of sister; Margaret (HAMPTON)

Margaret (HAMPTON) was born near Newport Post Office, District #8, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on 1866 and died between 1870-1880.

1867 Childbirth of sister; Jane David (HAMPTON)

Jane David (HAMPTON) was born near Newport Post Office, District #8, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on 10 June 1867.

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1870 Childbirth of brother; William E. Hampton

William E. Hampton was born near Newport Post Office, District #7, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on June 1870 and died between 1870-1880.

1870 Federal Census age 13

Newport Post Office, District #7, Cocke, Tennessee, United States, page 423a, 9 August 1870, line 20, house 42, family 42

HAMPTON, Z.[Ezekiel] w m 42; Julia w f 36; Laura w f 15; George w m 12; Elizabeth w f 7; Margaret w f 4; Jane D. w f 3; Wm E. w m 3months February
[Ezekiel born in North Carolina, the rest in Tennessee. Ezekiel is a farmer.]

1871 Childbirth of sister; Isabelle (HAMPTON)

Isabelle (**HAMPTON**) was born near Newport Post Office, District #7, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on 15 February 1871.

1875 Childbirth of sister; Sallie Ann (HAMPTON)

Sallie Ann (**HAMPTON**) was born near Newport Post Office, District #7, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on 20 June 1875.

1876 Childbirth of sister; LouElla Mae (HAMPTON)

LouElla Mae (**HAMPTON**) was born near Newport Post Office, District #7, Cocke, Tennessee, United States on 14 June 1876.

1879 Childbirth of brother; James H. Hampton

James H. Hampton was born near Bells Depot, District #5, Crockett, Tennessee, United States in 1879.

1880 Federal Census age 23

Bells Depot, District #5, Crockett, Tennessee, United States, page 190c, 9 June 1880, line 36, house 173, family 177

HAMPTON, E.[Ezekiel] G. head w m 53; Jill wife w f 42; Laura A. dau w f 25; George son w m 20; Elizabeth dau w f 17; Jane David dau w f 11; Isabella dau w f 10; Sallie dau w f 7; Ella dau w f 4; James H. son w m 1

[Ezekiel was born in North Carolina as was his parents, Julie was born in Tennessee as was her parents, the rest were born in Tennessee, their father in North Carolina, their mother in Tennessee. Ezekiel is a farmer.]

1881 Marriage of William Leroy "Lee" Sasser and Laura Ann (HAMPTON)

[1] U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900

Name: William Lee Sasser Gender: male Birth Year:1857 Spouse Name: Laura Anne Hampton Spouse Birth Place: TN Spouse Birth Year:1857 Marriage Year:1883 Number Pages:1

[2] Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002, page 42

Name: W L Sasser Spouse: L A Hampton Marriage Date:3 Feb 1881 Marriage County: Haywood
[I have seen the marriage record and the date is 3 February 1881.]

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1881-1900 Family Move

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1883 Death of father; Ezekiel G. Hampton

Ezekiel G. Hampton died near Bells Depot, District #5, Crockett, Tennessee, United States on 19 December 1883.

1884 Childbirth of son; Dorsey Gilbert "Doss" Sasser

Dorsey Gilbert "Doss" Sasser was born in either District 10, Haywood, Tennessee, United States or Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 14 August 1884.

1890 Childbirth of daughter; Medie Jane (SASSER)

Medie Jane (SASSER) was born in either District 10, Haywood, Tennessee, United States or Civil District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 10 March 1890.

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Callie Alina (SASSER) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on March 1892.

1894 Childbirth of daughter; Gertrude Ann "Gertie" (SASSER)

Gertrude Ann "Gertie" (SASSER) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 13 February 1894.

1896 Childbirth of daughter; Sadie Lee (SASSER)

Sadie Lee (SASSER) was born in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on April 1896.

1898 Childbirth of son; Ellis Walker Sasser

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1910 Federal Census age 53

Double Bridges, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 178a, 11 May 1910, line 7, house 16, family 16

SASER, W.[William] L.[Leroy] head w m 53; L.[Laura] A.[Ann] wife w f 53; Birtie dau w f 16; Sadie dau w f 14; Ellis son w m 11

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1917 Death of mother; Julette Julie "Jill" Ann (LANE) Hampton

Julette Julie "Jill" Ann (**LANE**) Hampton died in District #8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 20 February 1917.

1920 Federal Census age 63

1923 Death of spouse; William Leroy "Lee" Sasser

William Leroy "Lee" Sasser died near Double Bridges, District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 17 March 1917.

1930 Federal Census age 73

District 14, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 11b, 10 April 1930, line 70, house 90, family 91

SASSER, Das G. head w m 46; Lillie A. wife w f 49; Laura A. mother w f 74; Marry M. dau w f 8 [Dorsey Gilbert "Doss" was born in Illinois his parents were born in Tennessee, all the rest were born in Tennessee as was their parents except Mary's father was born in Illinois. Doss was first married at age 20 and Lillie at age 21. Laura is a widow. Dos is farming and they are renting.]

1944 Death of Laura Ann (HAMPTON) Sasser

Laura Ann (**HAMPTON**) Sasser died at Halls, District 8, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 20 February 1944.

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[1] Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955

Name: Laura Ann Sasser [Laura Ann Hamilton] Birth Date:10 Jan 1857 Birth Place: Tennessee Age:77 Death Date:20 Feb 1944 Death Place: Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee Burial Date:21 Feb 1944 Burial Place: Unionville, Tennessee Cemetery Name: Mt Vernon Gender: Female Race: White Marital Status: Widowed Street Address: Rfd 1 Residence Place: Halls, Tennessee Occupation: Housewife Father's Name: Hamilton Father's Birth Place: Tennessee Mother's name: Layne Mother's Birth Place: Tennessee FHL Film Number:2137345

[2] Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1959

Name: Laura Ann Sasser [Laura Ann Hamilton] Gender: Female Birth Date:10 Jan 1857 Birth Place: Tennessee Age:87 Death Date:20 Feb 1944 Death Place: Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee Father's Name: Hamilton Mother's name: Layne

1944 Burial of Laura Ann (HAMPTON) Sasser

Mount Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery, Unionville, Dyer, Tennessee, United States

Find A Grave Memorial# 43871106

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1832 Birthblock of Henry Wiley Sasser son of John Daniel Sr. & () Sasser

Henry Wiley Sasser was born in Hardeman,Tennessee, United States on 1832.

Date from the 1840 census states he was born 1831-1835.

Date from the 1850 census states he was born 1832 in North Carolina.

Date from the 1860 census states he was born 1830 in North Carolina.

Date from the 1870 census states he was born 1822 in North Carolina.

Date from a newspaper death notice states he was born

Date from the funeral home records states he was born

Date from the headstone states he was born

Date from the obituary states he was born

Research Note

Concerning the origin of the name Henry, I found several ,sources on the Internet that had listed John Sasser with a son named Henry Sasser followed by a W initial indicating to me that they thought John had a son named Henry. No dates were listed for this Henry, obviously unknown to the other researchers, but putting two and two together I came up with assumption that the W initial stood for Wiley, whom we know is a son of John Sasser and his first wife. Therefore, Wiley's first name or middle name must have been Henry. Even though Wiley Sasser never uses the name Henry in the documents found on the internet, as of this date, the coincidence is obvious and supporting evidence needs to be found in deed, court, newspapers and other documents of Hardeman County, Tennessee.

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Concerning the birth location of Henry Wiley Sasser, even though throughout the census records he claims to have been born in North Carolina. Unless his parents moved from Hardeman County, Tennessee back to North Carolina for his birth in 1832...he was born in Hardeman County, Tennessee. The evidence is based on the 1830 census listing John Sasser and family in Hardeman. If Henry Wiley Sasser was born in North Carolina, then he had to have been born before the 1830 census and he has consistently indicated through census records he was born circa 1832. Finding the first property transaction of John Sasser in Hardin or Hardeman County, Tennessee would indicate his family's arrival date into that locale sometime after 1820 and before 1830.

1832-1834 Death of mother; Sarah (BOYD??) Sasser

John Sasser's first wife and mother of Henry Wiley Sasser died after the birth of Henry and before June 1834 when spouse; John Sasser married Mary Ann (**CHISUM**). It is possible that Henry's mother died due to childbirth complications. Checking the newspapers may reveal additional information.

1834 Father's Marriage of John Daniel Sasser and Mary Ann (CHISUM)

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 11 June 1834.

[1] Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002 (ancestry.com)

Name: John Sasek Spouse: Mary Ann Chisom Marriage Date: 11 June 1834 Marriage County: Hardeman

[2] Tennessee Marriages, 1796-1950 for Mary Ann Chisum

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X8BF-1WY>

Groom's Name: John Saser Groom's Birth Date: Groom's Birthplace: Groom's Age: Bride's Name: Mary Ann Chisum Bride's Birth Date: Bride's Birthplace: Bride's Age: Marriage Date: 20 June 1834 Marriage Place: Hardeman, Tennessee Groom's Father's Name: Groom's Mother's Name: Bride's Father's Name: Bride's Mother's Name: Groom's Race: Groom's Marital Status: Groom's Previous Wife's Name: Bride's Race: Bride's Marital Status: Bride's Previous Husband's Name: Indexing Project (Batch) Number: M51927-3 System Origin: Tennessee-EASy Source Film Number: 989284 Reference Number:

[3] Tennessee, State Marriage Index, 1780-2002 for Mary Ann Chisom

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VN8L-LLK>

Name: Mary Ann Chisom Also Known As: Suffix: Event: Marriage Event Date: 11 June 1834 Event Place: Hardeman, Tennessee, United States Gender: Female Spouse: John Sasek Spouse's Also Known As:

Research Note

Many researchers have claimed that John Sasser married Mary Ann (**EWING**) on 20 June 1834 and of course, they fail to give references. However, on ancestry.com at...

http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=1169&iid=VRMUSATN1780_059197-00342&fn=John&ln=Sasek&st=r&ssrc=pt_t5773168_p6020498636_kpidz0q3d6020498636z0q26pgz0q3d32768z0q26pgPLz0q3dpid&pid=1966412

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They have the image of a marriage filing dated 10 June 1834 between John Saser and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**). However at www.familysearch.org at ...<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VN8L-LLK>

They have registered a marriage date of 20 June 1834...but with no image.

Therefore, the filing of their marriage on 10 June 1834 is before the 20 June 1834 reported marriage date. One must see the actual marriage record or read the newspaper account to verify and validate which date is correct. I, for one feel, that you can not file the marriage record before the marriage date.

If the date of 10 June 1834 is correct then John Sr.'s first wife died after the 1830 census and before son; Joel Steven Sasser was born in 1836. Obtaining a newspaper death notice of Joel might reveal his birth mother. Usually there are several years gap between the children of one spouse and the children of the subsequent spouse. In this case, we have Henry Wiley Sasser born in 1832 and then a 4-year gap until Joel in 1836. This could indicate a death of a spouse and a marriage, in this case, of John Sr. and Mary Ann (**EWING**).

This marriage record of Sasser-Ewing needs verification to establish the parentage of the children. In any case, Mary Ann (**EWING**) Sasser's headstone states she was born 15 April 1819 and the subsequent census records support this date...which can only mean she was not the mother of Henry Wiley Sasser who was born in 1832. If she had been the mother of Henry Wiley Sasser she would have had to have been married in 1830-1831 at age 12 years old and married John Daniel Sasser Sr....a 47 year old man!!!

I have found in the past, an age discrepancy of this magnitude will outrage the local population and warrants the attention of the local newspapers. News articles that I have found have condemned those marriages. Therefore, check the Hardeman County newspapers for the 1830-1835 time frame for references to this marriage.

Also, if Ewing was Mary Ann's maiden name, and she was married in circa 1834, then her Ewing family should be represented in the 1830 and/or 1840 census records in Hardeman or nearby counties. In the 1830 census there are no Ewing families in Hardeman but there are 3 in Madison County, a neighboring county to Hardeman.

[1] William Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family.

[2] Sophia Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in her family.

[3] Wilson E. Ewing aged 30-39 of the 1830 census of Madison County does have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family. In fact he has 2 daughters aged 5-9.

However, Wilson Ewing and family disappeared after the 1830 census until the 1850 census where they have moved to Texas. Wilson was born in Tennessee and none of his children were born in North Carolina, therefore, it does not look like he is Mary Ann's father.

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#2...Sophia Ewing born 1785 in North Carolina is living with a son; David C. Ewing born 1809 in North Carolina. Since Mary Ann was born in North Carolina in 1819, this would indicate that maybe Sophia (_____) Ewing may have been her mother. After checking out Sophia in the 1850 and 1860 census, other trees state she did not have anymore children after 1813. Therefore, it does not look like Alexander & Sophia (_____) Ewing were Mary Ann's parents. In order to progress on Mary Ann's parentage, we need to verify Mary Ann's maiden name. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 29 January 2012

Update Research Note

After the above was written I found John Sasser and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s marriage record in Hardeman County, Tennessee dated 20 June 1834. With such an extraordinary discovery I wrote a report titled... "**How I Discovered Mary Ann (CHISUM)'s Maiden Name**" by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 30 January 2012. Read my article for the documentation and validation.

1836 Childbirth of step-brother; Joel Steven Sasser

Joel Steven Sasser was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 November 1836.

1838 Childbirth of step-sister; Julia M. (SASSER)

Julia M. (**SASSER**) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 November 1838.

1840 Federal Census age 8

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 73, after 1 June 1840, line 15

SASSER, John 0-2-0-1-0-0-1 1-0-1-0-0-1

free white males 5-9 [Joel age 4]; 5-9 [Henry Wiley age 8]; 15-19 [??]; 40-49 [John age 56]

free white females 4 & under [Julia age 2]; 10-14 [??]; 30-39 [Mary Ann age 21]

1841 Childbirth of step-sister; Sarah A. M. (SASSER)

Sarah A. M. (**SASSER**) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 26 March 1841.

1843 Childbirth of step-sister; Mary Elizabeth (SASSER)

Mary Elizabeth (**SASSER**) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 14 December 1843.

1846 Childbirth of step-brother; John Daniel Sasser Jr.

John Daniel Sasser Jr. was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 18 September 1846.

1849 Childbirth of step-brother; William Henry Sasser

William Henry Sasser was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in December 1849.

1840-1850 Family Move

Henry Wiley Sasser moved from Hardeman, Tennessee, United States to District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States

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1850 Federal Census age 18

District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States, page 326a, 24 October 1850, line 26, house 520, family 520

HAUGHTON, Geo W. w m 36; Harriet M. w f 26; Mary J. w f 6; Algenon w m 4; **SAUSER**, W.[Wiley] w m 18

[George and Wiley were born in North Carolina, the rest in Tennessee. They are farmers.]

1853 Marriage of Wiley Sasser and Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN)

[1] Tennessee Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: Wiley Suser Spouse: Elizabeth J. Chipman Marriage Date:13 May 1853 County: Madison State: TN

Research Note

Checking the Madison County Deed records might reveal a property transaction and if so, maybe a sale date. Also, checking Hardeman County, Tennessee might reveal when he bought property and thereby giving a birth location of the following children.

1853-1860 Family Move

Henry Wiley Sasser family moved from District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States to near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States

1853 Childbirth of daughter; Milly (SASSER)

Milly (**SASSER**) was born in either District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States or near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States.

1857 Childbirth of son; William Leroy "Lee" Sasser

William Leroy "Lee" Sasser was born in either District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States or near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 12 February 1857.

1860 Childbirth of daughter; Elizabeth (SASSER)

Elizabeth (**SASSER**) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in January-February 1860 and died before 11 July 1870 census date.

1860 Federal Census age 28

Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 342a, 24 June 1860, line 27, house 150, family 150

SAPER, Wiley w m 30; Elizabeth w f 23; Milly w f 7; Leroy w m 3; Elizabeth w f 6months

[Wiley was born in North Carolina, the rest were born in Tennessee. Wiley is a farmer. Living next door at house #149 are Elizabeth's parents; William & Milly (**STANDIFER**) Chipman and family.]

1861 Childbirth of son; Stephen "Steve" Henry Sasser

Stephen "Steve" Henry Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in March 1861.

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1862 Childbirth of son; George Sasser

George Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in 1862.

1865 Childbirth of daughter; Nancy D. (SASSER)

Nancy D. (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 4 August 1865.

1868 Childbirth of daughter; Mary Elizabeth (SASSER)

Mary Elizabeth (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 10 February 1868.

1870 Childbirth of son; Wiley Sasser

Wiley Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on June 1870.

1870 Federal Census age 38

Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 2, 11 July 1870, line 8, house 11, family 11

SASSEEN, Wiley w m 48; Elizabeth w f 33; Wm w m 13; Stephen w m 10; George w m 8; Nancy w f 5; Mary w f 2; Wiley w m 1month; **RENOLDS**, Catherine domestic server w f 18

[Wiley was born in North Carolina, the rest were born in Tennessee, except Catherine was born in Arkansas. Wiley is a farmer.]

1872 Childbirth of daughter; Emily Jennie (SASSER)

Emily Jennie (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on March 1872.

1872 Death of Henry Wiley Sasser

Henry Wiley Sasser died near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 1872.

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1836 Birthblock of Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN) daughter of William & Milford "Milly" (STANDIFER) Chipman

Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN) was born in Madison, Tennessee, United States on 1836.

Date from the 1840 census states she was born 1836-1840.

Date from the 1850 census states she was born 1836 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1860 census states she was born 1837 in Tennessee.

Date from the 1870 census states she was born 1837 in Tennessee.

Date from a newspaper death notice states she was born

Date from the funeral home records states she was born

Date from the headstone states she was born

Date from the obituary states she was born

1836-1840 Childbirth of brother; Chipman

1840 Federal Census age 4

Madison, Tennessee, United States, page after 1 June 1840, line 5

CHIPMAN, William 1-0-1-0-1 1-1-0-0-1

free white males 4 & under [?]; 10-14 [?]; 20-29 [William age 26]

free white females 4 & under [Elizabeth age 4]; 5-9 [Nancy age 6]; 20-29 [Milly age 26]

1843 Childbirth of brother; William Riley Chipman

William Riley Chipman was born in Madison, Tennessee, United States on 1 June 1843.

1846 Childbirth of brother; Thomas Jefferson Chipman

Thomas Jefferson Chipman was born in Madison, Tennessee, United States on 1 November 1846.

1848 Childbirth of sister; Mary Ann (CHIPMAN)

Mary Ann (CHIPMAN) was born in District 5, Madison, Tennessee, United States on 4 November 1848.

1850 Federal Census age 14

District 5, Madison, Tennessee, United States, page 272b, 23 September 1850, line 22, house 805, family 805

CHIPMAN, William w m 36; Milly w f 36; Nancy w f 16; Elizabeth J. w f 14; Georgia w f 11; William R. w m 7; Thomas J. w m 5; Mary A. w f 1

[William and Milly born in Georgia the rest in Tennessee. William is a farmer. Living at house #807 in brotehr; Washington & Rachel (**CLEMENTS**) Chipman family. Also, living next door with the Lathan family is Uncle Frederick Chipman w m 19.]

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1852 Childbirth of brother; George Chipman

George Chipman was born in District 5, Madison, Tennessee, United States on 1852.

1853 Marriage of Wiley Sasser and Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN)

[1] Tennessee Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: Wiley Suser Spouse: Elizabeth J. Chipman Marriage Date:13 May 1853 County:Madison State: TN

Research Note

Checking the Madison County Deed records might reveal a property transaction and if so, maybe a sale date. Also, checking Hardeman County, Tennessee might reveal when he bought property and thereby giving a birth location of the following children.

1853-1860 Family Move

Henry Wiley Sasser family moved from District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States to near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States

1853 Childbirth of daughter; Milly (SASSER)

Milly (SASSER) was born in either District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States or near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States.

1855 Childbirth of sister; Cynthia Josephine (CHIPMAN)

Cynthia Josephine (CHIPMAN) was born in District 5, Madison, Tennessee, United States on 16 September 1855.

1857 Childbirth of son; William Leroy "Lee" Sasser

William Leroy "Lee" Sasser was born in either District 12, Madison, Tennessee, United States or near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 12 February 1857.

1858 Childbirth of brother; Benjamin Fate Chipman

Benjamin Fate Chipman was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 10 May 1858.

1860 Childbirth of daughter; Elizabeth (SASSER)

Elizabeth (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in January-February 1860 and died before 11 July 1870 census date.

1860 Federal Census age 24

Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 342a, 24 June 1860, line 27, house 150, family 150

SAPER, Wiley w m 30; Elizabeth w f 23; Milly w f 7; Leroy w m 3; Elizabeth w f 6months

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1861 Childbirth of son; Stephen "Steve" Henry Sasser

Stephen "Steve" Henry Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in March 1861.

1862 Childbirth of son; George Sasser

George Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States in 1862.

1865 Childbirth of daughter; Nancy D. (SASSER)

Nancy D. (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 2, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 4 August 1865.

1868 Childbirth of daughter; Mary Elizabeth (SASSER)

Mary Elizabeth (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 10 February 1868.

1870 Childbirth of son; Wiley Sasser

Wiley Sasser was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on June 1870.

1870 Federal Census age 34

Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States, page 2, 11 July 1870, line 8, house 11, family 11

SASSEEN, Wiley w m 48; Elizabeth w f 33; Wm w m 13; Stephen w m 10; George w m 8; Nancy w f 5; Mary w f 2; Wiley w m 1month; **RENOLDS**, Catherine domestic server w f 18

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Emily Jennie (SASSER) was born near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on March 1872.

1872 Death of spouse; Henry Wiley Sasser

Henry Wiley Sasser died near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 1872.

1875 Death of Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN) Sasser

Elizabeth J. (CHIPMAN) Sasser died near Ripley Post Office, District 7, Lauderdale, Tennessee, United States on 1875.

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1784 Birthblock of John Daniel Sasser Sr. son of

John Daniel Sasser Sr. was born in Wayne, North Carolina, United States on 21 November 1784.

Date from the 1800 census states he was born

Date from the 1810 census states he was born

Date from the 1820 census states he was born 1776-1794.

Date from the 1830 census states he was born 1781-1790.

Date from the 1840 census states he was born 1791-1800.

Date from the 1850 census states he was born 1784 in North Carolina.

Date from the 1860 census states he was born 1785 in North Carolina.

Date from the 1870 census states he was born 1792 in North Carolina.

Date from a newspaper death notice states he was born

Date from the funeral home records states he was born

Date from the headstone states he was born 21 November 1784.

Date from the obituary states he was born

1790 Federal Census age 6

1800 Federal Census age 16

1803-1805 Marriage of John Daniel Sasser and Sarah (BOYD???)

Research Note

This marriage is based on Internet researchers assumption that John had a son named John S. Sasser on 9 December 1805. Since the birth date is so exact, would indicate a family bible or headstone reference. Locating the marriage record for John Daniel's first marriage would be helpful.

1805 Childbirth of son; John S. Sasser

John S. Sasser was born in North Carolina, United States on 9 December 1805.

1810 Federal Census age 26

1820 Childbirth of daughter; Emily (SASSER)

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1820 Federal Census age 36

Wayne, North Carolina, United States, page 480, 7 August 1820

SASSER, John 2-0-0-0-1 0-0-0-1

free white males 9 & under []; 9 & under []; 26-44 [John age 36]

free white females 26-44 [Sarah? age

Living a few doors down from...

Sasser, Thomas 1-0-0-0-1 2-0-1

Sasser, William 3-0-0-0-1 0-0-1

1820-1830 Family Move

From Wayne, North Carolina, United States to Hardeman, Tennessee, United States

1823 Hardeman County, Tennessee created

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1830 Federal Census age 46

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 351, after 1 June 1830, line 7

SASSER, John 0-0-0-1-0-0-1 0-0-1-0-0-0-1

free white males 15-19 [?]; 40-49 [John age 46]

free white females 10-14 [?]; 40-49 [Sarah?]

1832 Childbirth of son; Henry Wiley Sasser

Henry Wiley Sasser was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 1832.

1832-1834 Death of spouse; Sarah (BOYD??) Sasser

John Sasser's first wife and mother of Henry Wiley Sasser died after the birth of Henry and before the 11th of June 1834 when spouse; John Sasser married Mary Ann (**CHISUM**). It is possible that Henry's mother died due to childbirth complications.

1834 Marriage of John Daniel Sasser Sr. and Mary Ann (CHISUM)

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 11 June 1834.

[1] Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002 (ancestry.com)

Name: John Sasek Spouse: Mary Ann Chisom Marriage Date: 11 June 1834 Marriage County: Hardeman

[2] Tennessee Marriages, 1796-1950 for Mary Ann Chisum

<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/X8BF-1WY>

Groom's Name: John Saser Groom's Birth Date: Groom's Birthplace: Groom's Age: Bride's Name: Mary Ann Chisum Bride's Birth Date: Bride's Birthplace: Bride's Age: Marriage Date: 20 June 1834 Marriage Place: Hardeman, Tennessee Groom's Father's Name: Groom's Mother's Name: Bride's Father's Name: Bride's Mother's Name: Groom's Race: Groom's Marital Status: Groom's Previous Wife's Name: Bride's Race: Bride's Marital Status: Bride's Previous Husband's Name: Indexing

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Project (Batch) Number:M51927-3 System Origin: Tennessee-EASy Source Film Number: 989284 Reference Number:

[3] Tennessee, State Marriage Index, 1780-2002 for Mary Ann Chisom

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VN8L-LLK>

Name: Mary Ann Chisom Also Known As: Suffix: Event: Marriage Event Date: 11 June 1834
Event Place: Hardeman, Tennessee, United States Gender: Female Spouse: John Sasek
Spouse's Also Known As:

Research Note

Many researchers have claimed that John Sasser married Mary Ann (**EWING**) on 20 June 1834 and of course, they fail to give references. However, on ancestry.com at...

http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=1169&iid=VRMUSATN1780_059197-00342&fn=John&ln=Sasek&st=r&ssrc=pt_t5773168_p6020498636_kpidz0q3d6020498636z0q26pgz0q3d32768z0q26pgPLz0q3dpid&pid=1966412

They have the image of a marriage filing dated 10 June 1834 between John Saser and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**). However at www.familysearch.org at ...<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VN8L-LLK>

They have registered a marriage date of 20 June 1834...but with no image.

Therefore, the filing of their marriage on 10 June 1834 is before the 20 June 1834 reported marriage date. One must see the actual marriage record or read the newspaper account to verify and validate which date is correct. I, for one feel, that you can not file the marriage record before the marriage date.

If the date of 10 June 1834 is correct then John Sr.'s first wife died after the 1830 census and before son; Joel Steven Sasser was born in 1836. Obtaining a newspaper death notice of Joel might reveal his birth mother. Usually there are several years gap between the children of one spouse and the children of the subsequent spouse. In this case, we have Henry Wiley Sasser born in 1832 and then a 4 year gap until Joel in 1836. This could indicate a death of a spouse and a marriage, in this case, of John Sr. and Mary Ann (**EWING**).

This marriage record of Sasser-Ewing needs verification to establish the parentage of the children. In any case, Mary Ann (**EWING**) Sasser's headstone states she was born 15 April 1819 and the subsequent census records support this date...which can only mean she was not the mother of Henry Wiley Sasser who was born in 1832. If she had been the mother of Henry Wiley Sasser she would have had to have been married in 1830-1831 at age 12 years old and married John Daniel Sasser Sr....a 47 year old man!!!

I have found in the past, an age discrepancy of this magnitude, will outrage the local population and warrants the attention of the local newspapers. News articles that I have found have condemned those marriages. Therefore, check the Hardeman County newspapers for the 1830-1835 time frame for references to this marriage.

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Also, if Ewing was Mary Ann's maiden name, and she was married in circa 1834, then her Ewing family should be represented in the 1830 and/or 1840 census records in Hardeman or nearby counties. In the 1830 census there are no Ewing families in Hardeman but there are 3 in Madison County, a neighboring county to Hardeman.

[1] William Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family.

[2] Sophia Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in her family.

[3] Wilson E. Ewing aged 30-39 of the 1830 census of Madison County does have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family. In fact he has 2 daughters aged 5-9.

However, Wilson Ewing and family disappeared after the 1830 census until the 1850 census where they have moved to Texas. Wilson was born in Tennessee and none of his children were born in North Carolina, therefore, it does not look like he is Mary Ann's father.

#2...Sophia Ewing born 1785 in North Carolina is living with a son; David C. Ewing born 1809 in North Carolina. Since Mary Ann was born in North Carolina in 1819, this would indicate that maybe Sophia (_____) Ewing may have been her mother. After checking out Sophia in the 1850 and 1860 census, other trees state she did not have anymore children after 1813. Therefore, it does not look like Alexander & Sophia (_____) Ewing were Mary Ann's parents. In order to progress on Mary Ann's parentage, we need to verify Mary Ann's maiden name. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 29 January 2012

Update Research Note

After the above was written I found John Sasser and Mary Ann (CHISUM)'s marriage record in Hardeman County, Tennessee dated 20 June 1834. With such an extraordinary discovery I wrote a report titled..."**How I Discovered Mary Ann (CHISUM)'s Maiden Name**" by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 30 January 2012. Read my article for the documentation and validation.

1836 Childbirth of son; Joel Steven Sasser

Joel Steven Sasser was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 November 1836.

1838 Childbirth of daughter; Julia M. (SASSER)

Julia M. (SASSER) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 November 1838.

1840 Federal Census age 56

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 73, after 1 June 1840, line 15

SASSER, John 0-2-0-1-0-0-1 1-0-1-0-0-1

free white males 5-9 [Joel age 4]; 5-9 [Henry Wiley age 8]; 15-19 [??]; 40-49 [John age 56]

free white females 4 & under [Julia age 2]; 10-14 [??]; 30-39 [Mary Ann age 21]

1841 Childbirth of daughter; Sarah A. M. (SASSER)

Sarah A. M. (SASSER) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 26 March 1841.

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1843 Childbirth of daughter; Mary E. (SASSER)

Mary E. (SASSER) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 14 December 1843.

1846 Childbirth of son; John Daniel Sasser Jr.

John Daniel Sasser Jr. was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 18 September 1846.

1849 Childbirth of son; William Henry Sasser

William Henry Sasser was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in December 1849.

1850 Federal Census age 66

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 166b, 9 November 1850, line 32, house 1394, family 1394

SAUSER, John w m 66; Mary w f 32; Joel w m 14; Julia w f 12; Sarah w f 10; Mary w f 8; John w m 4; William w m 1; **DUNN**, Elizabeth w f 64

[John, Mary and Elizabeth were born in North Carolina, the rest in Tennessee. John is a farmer.]

1860 Federal Census age 76

Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 228a, 17 August 1860, line 28, house 1182, family 1107

SAUCER, John w m 75; Mary w f 41; Julia w f 21; Sarah A. w f 19; Mary E. w f 16; John D. w m 13; Wm w m 10

[All born in North Carolina. John is a farmer. Living next door to son; Joel & Jane (____) Sasser family.]

1870 Federal Census age 86

Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 267b, July 1870, line 32, house 79, family 79

SASSER, John w m 78; M.[Mary] A. w f 40; Julia w f 28; W.[William] H. w m 20; M.[Margaret] J. (THOMPSON) w f 19

[John, and Mary were born in North Carolina, the rest in Tennessee. John is a farmer. Living next door to son; John S. & H. J. (____) Sasser family. Margaret J. (THOMPSON) will be wife of William Henry Sasser.]

1875 Death of John Daniel Sasser Sr.

John Sasser died near Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 August 1875.

1875 Burial of John Daniel Sasser Sr.

Sasser Cemetery, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States

Find A Grave Memorial# 83897656 Created by: Jan Burgess Lipford Record added: Jan 23, 2012

John Sasser Birth: Nov. 21, 1784 Death: Aug. 24, 1875 Husband of Mary Ann Ewing Sasser
Burial: Sasser Cemetery Hardeman County Tennessee, USA

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HARDEMAN COUNTY, TN - CEMETERIES - Sasser Cemetery

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/tn/hardeman/cemeteries/sasser.txt>

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Sasser Cemetery September 19, 2000 Charlotte Holloway

This cemetery is located on a farm road off Hebron Rd. Special thanks to the gentleman who guided me to it, I never would have found it without help, but I didn't get his name.

Carraway, Charles M.	28 Jun 1828-27 Mar 1864 h/o Susan C. Carraway
Carraway, Sarah A.E.P.	26 Aug 1859-29 Oct 1862 d/o C.M. & S.C. Carraway
Carraway, Susan C.	26 Dec 1834-2 Jan 1928 w/o Charles M. Carraway
Casey, Lee	no dates
Casey, Lee H.	1808-1844 h/o Penelope Casey
Casey, Penelope	29 Jan 1811-14 Aug 1896 w/o Lee H. Casey
Crawford, Infant	1902 only date c/o R.H. & M.J. Crawford
Crawford, Infant	1905 only date c/o R.H. & M.J. Crawford
Crawford, Infant	1909 only date c/o R.H. & M.J. Crawford
Crawford, Jennie Sasser	4 Dec 1873-3 Apr 1902 w/o R.H. Crawford
Crawford, R.H.	1872-1946 h/o Sarah J. Sasser Crawford
Crawford, Sarah J. Sasser	1869-1942 w/o R.H. Crawford
Doyle, Arthur	no dates
Doyle, W.S.	no dates
Doyle, Wallie	no dates
Jackson, B.F.	26 Oct 1866-8 Nov 1913
Jackson, M.P.	12 Sep 1891-8 Dec 1913
Jackson, Oscar	27 Aug 1907-22 Jun 1910
Sain, Calvin	27 Aug 1845-6 Jul 1928 Co A, 14th TN Cav. CSA h/o Sarah A.M. Sain
Sain, Chester Daniel	1910-1911 s/o J.A. & T.B. Sain
Sain, Infant	1899 only date s/o J.A. & T.B. Sain
Sain, John A.	2 May 1867-12 Apr 1942 h/o Thenia Bell Cheshier Sain
Sain, Sarah A.M.	26 Mar 1841-19 Jul 1989 w/o Calvin Sain
Sain, Thenia Bell Cheshier	28 Mar 1868-25 Jul 1941 w/o John A. Sain
Sain, Thenia Ollie	1897-1899 d/o W.T. & I.J. Sain
Sain, William Franklin	1893-1899 s/o W.T. & I.J. Sain
Sasser, H.L.	15 Nov 1859-16 Sep 1900

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Sasser, Hepsey J.	2 Aug 1837-28 Jun 1876 w/o J.S. Sasser
Sasser, Infant	1878 only date d/o J.S. & S.F. Sasser
Sasser, J.S.	24 Nov 1836-18 Nov 1905 h/o Hepsey J. Sasser
Sasser, James M.	1868-1871 s/o Joel & H.J. Sasser
Sasser, John	21 Nov 1784-24 Aug 1875 h/o Mary A. Sasser
Sasser, John D. Jr.	14 Sep 1858-16 May 1927 h/o Ollie Perkins Sasser
Sasser, John H.	1877 only date s/o W.H. & M.J. Sasser
Sasser, Julia M.	24 Nov 1838-13 Sep 1889 d/o John & Mary Sasser
Sasser, Martha E.	1868-1871 d/o Joel & H.J. Sasser
Sasser, Mary A.	15 Apr 1819-6 May 1904 w/o John Sasser
Sasser, Mary J.	1863 only date d/o Joel & Hepsey Sasser
Sasser, Morgan Tilden	5 Dec 1882-14 May 1905 s/o J.S. & S.F. Sasser
Sasser, Ollie Perkins	22 Sep 1867-14 Jun 1912 w/o John D. Sasser Jr.
Sasser, Steven J.	1866-1866 s/o Joel & S.F. Sasser
Sasser, Susan F.	1852-1936
Sasser, William S.	1881 only date s/o W.H. & M.J. Sasser
Weatherly, A.L.O.	21 Nov 1868-15 Sep 1876
Weatherly, M.K.	26 Jan 1841-6 Mar 1907 w/o W.A.H. Weatherly
Weatherly, W.A.H.	17 Mar 1837-9 Mar 1907 h/o M.K. Weatherly

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1819 Birthblock of Mary Ann (CHISUM) daughter of

Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) was born in North Carolina, United States on 15 April 1819.

Date from the 1820 census states she was born

Date from the 1830 census states she was born

Date from the 1840 census states she was born 1801-1810.

Date from the 1850 census states she was born 1818 in North Carolina.

Date from the 1860 census states she was born 1819 In North Carolina.

Date from the 1870 census states she was born 1830 in North Carolina.

Date from the 1880 census states she was born 1819 in North Carolina.

Date from the 1900 census states she was born April 1819 in North Carolina.

Date from a newspaper death notice states she was born

Date from the funeral home records states she was born

Date from the headstone states she was born 15 April 1819.

Date from the obituary states she was born

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1820 Federal Census age 1

1821 Madison County, Tennessee created

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1830 Federal Census age 11

1834 Marriage of John Daniel Sasser Sr. and Mary Ann (CHISUM)

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on the 10th or 11th of June 1834.

[1] Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002

Name: John Sasek Spouse: Mary Ann Chisom Marriage Date: 11 Jun 1834 Marriage County: Hardeman

Research Note

Many researchers have claimed that John Sasser married Mary Ann (**EWING**) on 20 June 1834 and of course, they fail to give references. However, on ancestry.com at...

http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=1169&iid=VRMUSATN1780_059197-00342&fn=John&ln=Sasek&st=r&ssrc=pt_t5773168_p6020498636_kpidz0q3d6020498636z0q26pgz0q3d32768z0q26pgPLz0q3dpid&pid=1966412

They have the image of a marriage filing dated 10 June 1834 between John Saser and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**). However at www.familysearch.org at ...<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VN8L-LLK>

They have registered a marriage date of 20 June 1834...but with no image.

Therefore, the filing of their marriage on 10 June 1834 is before the 20 June 1834 reported marriage date. One must see the actual marriage record or read the newspaper account to verify and validate which date is correct. I, for one feel, that you can not file the marriage record before the marriage date.

If the 10 June 1834 date is correct then John Sr.'s first wife died after the 1830 census and before son; Joel Steven Sasser was born in 1836. Obtaining a newspaper death notice of Joel might reveal his birth mother. Usually there are several years gap between the children of one spouse and the children of the subsequent spouse. In this case, we have Henry Wiley born in 1832 and then a 4 year gap until Joel in 1836. This could indicate a death of a spouse and a marriage, in this case, of John Sr. and Mary Ann (**EWING**).

This marriage record of Sasser-Ewing needs verification to establish the parentage of the children. In any case, Mary Ann (**EWING**) Sasser's headstone states she was born 15 April 1819 and the subsequent census records support this date...which can only mean she was not the mother of

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Henry Wiley Sasser who was born in 1832. If she had been the mother of Henry Wiley Sasser she would have had to have been married in 1830-1831 at age 12 years old and married John Daniel Sasser Sr....a 47 year old man!!!

I have found in the past, an age discrepancy of this magnitude will outrage the local population and warrants the attention of the local newspapers. News articles that I have found have condemned those marriages. Therefore, check the Hardeman County newspapers for the 1830-1835 time frame for references to this marriage.

Also, if Ewing was Mary Ann's maiden name, and she was married in circa 1834, then her Ewing family should be represented in the 1830 and/or 1840 census records in Hardeman or nearby counties. In the 1830 census there are no Ewing families in Hardeman but there are 3 in Madison County, a neighboring county to Hardeman.

[1] William Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family.

[2] Sophia Ewing of the 1830 census of Madison County does not have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in her family.

[3] Wilson E. Ewing aged 30-39 of the 1830 census of Madison County does have a daughter aged 11...Mary Ann's age in his family. In fact he has 2 daughters aged 5-9.

However, Wilson Ewing and family disappeared after the 1830 census until the 1850 census where they have moved to Texas. Wilson was born in Tennessee and none of his children were born in North Carolina, therefore, it does not look like he is Mary Ann's father.

#2...Sophia Ewing born 1785 in North Carolina is living with a son; David C. Ewing born 1809 in North Carolina. Since Mary Ann was born in North Carolina in 1819, this would indicate that maybe Sophia (_____) Ewing may have been her mother. After checking out Sophia in the 1850 and 1860 census, other trees state she did not have anymore children after 1813. Therefore, it does not look like Alexander & Sophia (_____) Ewing were Mary Ann's parents. In order to progress on Mary Ann's parentage, we need to verify Mary Ann's maiden name. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 29 January 2012

Update Research Note

After the above was written I found John Sasser and Mary Ann (**CHISUM**)'s marriage record in Hardeman County, Tennessee dated 20 June 1834. With such an extraordinary discovery I wrote a report titled..."**How I Discovered Mary Ann (CHISUM)'s Maiden Name**" by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 30 January 2012. Read my article for the documentation and validation.

1836 Childbirth of son; Joel Steven Sasser

Joel Steven Sasser was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 November 1836.

1838 Childbirth of daughter; Julia M. (SASSER)

Julia M. (**SASSER**) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 November 1838.

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1840 Federal Census age 21

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 73, after 1 June 1840, line 15

SASSER, John 0-2-0-1-0-0-1 1-0-1-0-0-1

free white males 5-9 [Joel age 4]; 5-9 [Henry Wiley age 8]; 15-19 [??]; 40-49 [John age 56]

free white females 4 & under [Julia age 2]; 10-14 [??]; 30-39 [Mary Ann age 21]

1841 Childbirth of daughter; Sarah A. M. (SASSER)

Sarah A. M. (**SASSER**) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 26 March 1841.

1843 Childbirth of daughter; Mary E. (SASSER)

Mary E. (**SASSER**) was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 14 December 1843.

1846 Childbirth of son; John Daniel Sasser Jr.

John Daniel Sasser Jr. was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in 18 September 1846.

1849 Childbirth of son; William Henry Sasser

William Henry Sasser was born in Hardeman, Tennessee, United States in December 1849.

1850 Federal Census age 31

Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 166b, 9 November 1850, line 32, house 1394, family 1394

SAUSER, John w m 66; Mary w f 32; Joel w m 14; Julia w f 12; Sarah w f 10; Mary w f 8; John w m 4; William w m 1; **DUNN**, Elizabeth w f 64

[John, Mary and Elizabeth were born in North Carolina, the rest in Tennessee. John is a farmer.]

1860 Federal Census age 41

Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 228a, 17 August 1860, line 28, house 1182, family 1107

SAUCER, John w m 75; Mary w f 41; Julia w f 21; Sarah A. w f 19; Mary E. w f 16; John D. w m 13; Wm w m 10

[All born in North Carolina. John is a farmer. Living next door to son; Joel & Jane (_____) Sasser family.]

1870 Federal Census age 51

Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 267b, July 1870, line 32, house 79, family 79

SASSER, John w m 78; M.[Mary] A.[Ann] w f 40; Julia w f 28; W.[William] H. w m 20; M. J. w f 19

[John, and Mary were born in North Carolina, the rest in Tennessee. John is a farmer. Living next door to son; John S. & H. J. (_____) Sasser family.]

1875 Death of spouse; John Daniel Sasser Sr.

John Sasser died near Bolivar Post Office, District 12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 24 Aug 1875.

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1880 Federal Census age 61

District #12, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 462b, 5 June 1880, line 27, house 77, family 77

SASSER, Mrs. Mary A. head w f 61; Julia M. dau w f 40; J. D. gson w m 21

[Mary was born in North Carolina as was her parents, Julia was born in Tennessee her parents in North Carolina, J.D. was born in Tennessee as was his parents. Mary is a widow and keeps house. Julia is single and a seamstress.]

1900 Federal Census age 81

Middleton, Civil District 11, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States, page 159b, 5 June 1900, line 90, house 22, family 23

SASSER, J.[John] D.[Daniel] Jr. head w m born September 1846 age 53; Effie M. wife w f born January 1860 age 40; **NICHOLS**, James adopted son w m born July 1882 age 17; **SASSER**, Mary Ann mother w f born April 1819 age 81; [the following are all boarders] **DELK**, Kindred 19; May Swine*Ad 48; Blain Wilson 15; J L Powell 29; J N Carlin 35; J I Hulse 64; Elisabeth Hulse 52; [page 160a] A L McDonald 28

[John was born in Tennessee his parents were born in North Carolina, Effie was born in Tennessee, her father in Kentucky, her mother in Georgia, James or Jones was born in Tennessee as was his parents, Mary Ann was born in North Carolina as was her parents. It appears they are running a boarding house. John has been married for 30 years, Effie for 5 years, Mary Ann is a widow. Mary Ann says she has had 6 children born and 5 are living. John is a physician. John owns his home.]

1904 Death of Mary Ann (CHISUM) Sasser

Mary Ann (**CHISUM**) Sasser died at her son's home ; Dr. John Daniel Sasser Jr. at Middleton, Civil District 11, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States on 6 May 1904.

1904 Burial of Mary Ann (CHISUM) Sasser

Sasser Cemetery, Hardeman, Tennessee, United States

Find A Grave Memorial# 83906234 Created by: Jan Burgess Lipford Record added: Jan 23, 2012

Mary A Sasser Birth: Apr. 15, 1819 Death: May 6, 1904 Wife of John Sasser Burial: Sasser Cemetery Hardeman County Tennessee, USA

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2	Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt	b. 6 January 1927 p. near Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford~ m. 1 March 1947 p. Saint Clair, Central Twp, Franklin, M~ d. p.	9	Mary L M Missé Missey	b. 20 February 1874 p. Johnson Twp, Washington~ d. 17 April 1938 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Craw~	17	Mary Kimberlin	b. 1835 d. 1876-1880	34	Rimehart E. Kimberlin	b. 1805
5	Rue Flavilla Johnson	b. 19 March 1894 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Craw~ d. 26 June 1983 p. Briarwood Manor Nursing ~	10	Judge J M Johnson Sr.	b. 29 September 1854 p. Moselle, Central Twp, Frank~ m. 14 May 1884 p. Liberty Twp, Crawford, Mis~ d. 21 May 1941 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Craw~	18	François C Missé Missey	b. 5 July 1845 d. 26 April 1916	36	Jean B Missé Missey	b. 28 May 1821
1	Floyd T Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I.	b. 3 January 1948 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Av~ m. 14 August 1972 p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Ch~ d. p. sp. Bonnie Kathleen Bach	11	Mary Jane T Barton	b. 18 January 1861 p. near Pine Mountain Post Of~ d. 10 June 1913 p. Walnut Street, Bourbon Vil~	19	Cynthia N. Talbot	b. 3 April 1848 d. 28 March 1896	38	Benjamin "Ben" Talbott	b. 15 June 1811
6	Peter Conley Brown	b. 12 January 1893 p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennes~ m. 16 March 1924 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~ d. 3 December 1972 p. Halls, District #8, Lauderdale~	12	John A. Brown	b. May 1844 p. Perry, Tennessee, United ~ m. 18 November 1891 p. Dresden, Weakley, Tenne~ d. 31 July 1928 p. Nashville, Hermitage, Davi~	20	Martin Johnson	b. 22 March 1805 d. 27 September 1859	40	Benjamin Johnson	b. 31 March 1775
3	Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown	b. 31 October 1925 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Av~ d. 1 March 1981 p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bel~	13	Obedience "Bedie" Lackey	b. 6 February 1871 p. near District 8 Post Office, ~ d. 14 January 1924 p. Western State Hospital, Bol~	21	Comfort Osborn	b. 10 June 1814 d. 26 April 1877	42	William Osborn	b. 4 July 1777
7	Olga Elmira O'Daniel	b. 11 March 1907 p. Island 21, Dyer, Tennessee~ d. 7 October 1993 p. Los Angeles, Los Angeles~	14	James Leonidas O'Daniel	b. 15 December 1869 p. near Rutherford Post Offic~ m. 22 May 1897 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~ d. 8 March 1921 p. Baird-Dulaney Hospital, Dy~	22	William "Billy" Barton	b. 20 November 1831 d. 7 January 1922	44	John Milton Barton	b. 1799
						23	Harriet King	b. 23 July 1834 d. 3 February 1920	46	Rev. Jonathan King	b. 20 December 1800
						24	Joseph Brown Jr.	b. 1827 d.	48	Joseph Brown Sr.	b. 1785
						25	Catherine	b. 1825 d.	50		
						26	William Stevenson Lackey	b. 20 October 1822 d. 7 July 1893	52	Enos Lackey	b. 1797
						27	Nancy Basket Moseley	b. 11 October 1827 d. 20 September 1875	54		
						28	Stephen C. O'Daniel	b. 5 December 1812 d. 1881	56	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749
						29	Elizabeth Ellen Gordon	b. 1840 d. 1872	58	John Gordon	b. 1813
						30	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	b. 1 July 1850 d. 1892-1893	60		
						31	Hettie M. Jackson	b. 16 December 1861 d. 19 April 1902	62	Alexander Jackson	b. 1840

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

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Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with at total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer "a hands on" curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt's favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers "how to stop" researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute. (M.A.G.I.)**

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their "brick wall" in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

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